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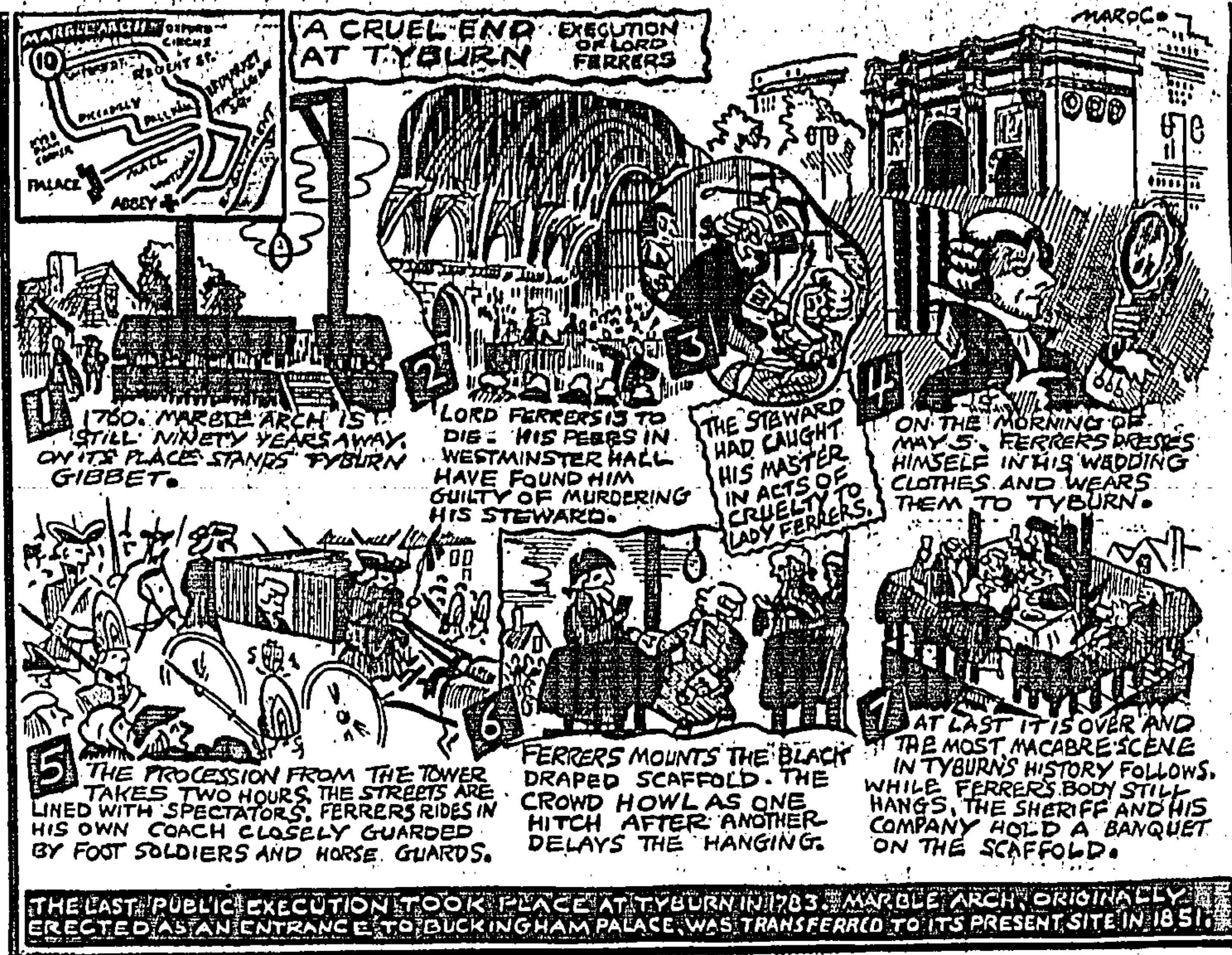
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Quirino Asked To Withdraw Candidacy

Manila, May 11.
 President Elpidio Quirino was asked to stand down as a Presidential candidate in the forthcoming Philippine elections by an influential Liberal Senator in a broadcast last night.
 The Senator was Sen. Tomas Oabil who preferred General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippines delegate to the United Nations as candidate.
 A Government spokesman said last night that General Romulo had told President Quirino he was willing to run for any office in the Government from councillor to president.—Reuter.

PEKING DELEGATES IN BRITAIN

Clacton, May 11.
 Three Chinese Trade Unionists, the first ever to visit Britain from Communist China, will attend the annual conference of the Electrical Trades Union today as "fraternal delegates".
 Members of the Chinese Electrical Workers' Union, they arrived in Britain on Friday after a 7,000-mile flight via Moscow and Prague.

The party comprises Mr. Chang Tsang-ming of Shanghai, president of the Chinese union, his vice-president from Peking, Mr. Huang Min-wen, and Mr. Wang Tao, a member of the executive.

In Clacton tonight they stayed in their hotel rooms and declined to see reporters.
 A British union spokesman said they had spent the week-end visiting the union's convalescent home at Rustington, Sussex, and were "far too tired to see anybody".

Among resolutions to be discussed by the conference during their week-long stay are a number on the Korean war including one urging an immediate cease-fire.—Reuter.

Big Job For Bernhard

Strasbourg, May 10.
 Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands will be asked by the Council of Europe on Wednesday to accept the post of "high commissioner for refugees", an authoritative source said tonight.
 The 15-nation Council's Committee of Foreign Ministers decided last week to appoint an "eminent personality" to co-ordinate help for member nations for German refugees from the Russian Zone, Turkish refugees from Bulgaria and the "hard core" of last war displaced persons in Trieste.
 Prince Bernhard has informally indicated his willingness to accept the post provided the special rehabilitation fund recommended by the Council's Consultative Assembly last year was set up.—Reuter.

Close Contest In Voting For Australian Senate

Melbourne, May 10.
 Mr R. G. Menzies' Federal Government today ran ahead in the counting of the crucial Queensland votes cast in yesterday's Senate election, but a note of caution crept into forecasts of the outcome.
 Mr Menzies, the Prime Minister, told supporters last night "I think we've won", but after hearing of the progress of the overnight count he would not commit himself to a prediction.

"Quite clearly the Government has gained much ground in recent weeks," he said in a statement referring to recent Government setbacks in State elections.
 "Any further comment must be deferred until the picture can be seen more fully."

Government strategists hope to capture three of the five upper house seats at stake in Queensland to renew the anti-Socialist tenuous control of the Senate.
 Under the proportional representation system, they needed a shade more than half the Queensland vote to achieve this aim.

Figures at about 7 p.m. on Sunday night showed the Government running ahead with 47.16 per cent of the Queensland vote, followed by Labour with 46.18 per cent.

BEETHOVEN MS FOUND

Berlin, May 10.
 A Moscow music magazine reports that three original manuscripts and a letter written by Ludwig von Beethoven have turned up in the Soviet Union, according to the Tagesschau Rundschau, the Soviet Control Commission's newspaper in Germany.
 The documents were said to have been found in the collection of N.P. Yussupov (1820 to 1891).
 The magazine, Sovetskaya Muzyka (Soviet Music), said the three manuscripts might be from Beethoven's 18 notebooks from which some pages are missing.
 The manuscripts are those of a song ("The Contented One"), the sketch of an unnamed aria, and Kisechen's second song from the opera "Egmont".—Reuter.

Housing Shortage

Essen, May 10.
 West Germany, which is now building homes at the rate of 400,000 a year, still lacks 4,000,000 homes in spite of great rebuilding efforts in the last few years, according to the West German Housing Minister Herr Fritz Neumayer.—Reuter.

The Democratic group, which has broken away from the Liberal Country Party Government alignment, had 6.92 per cent, and the Communists 1.14. It is expected, about 200,000 uncounted votes cast in outlying districts favour the Government, it should get near the 50 per cent mark.

All would then depend on the second preference votes cast by the Democrats and the Communists.
 Electors can state their second choice on the ballot paper.
 Labour is almost sure to get all the Communist transfers, and it is thought that two-thirds of the Democrats' transfer votes will swing to the Government.

NO DOUBT
 There was no room for doubt that Labour would fill three of the five vacancies in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, and three of the six vacancies in Tasmania and West Australia.

Assuming the Queensland score to be three to two in Mr Menzies' favour, the final tally would be 15 Government Senators and 17 Labour Senators elected.
 Adding this count to the Senators who were not due for re-election yesterday would give an eventual 31 seats to the Government against 20 to Labour.

This would give Mr Menzies a majority of one after the election of a President from the Government ranks.

In the old Senate the Government led by 32 to 28.—Reuter.

Britten Gets An Enthusiastic Reception

Wiesbaden, May 10.
 An elegant international audience last night applauded and stamped their feet for the British composer, Benjamin Britten.
 For nearly half an hour they recalled him in front of the curtain again and again after a performance of his comic opera "Albert Herring", a highlight of the May Festival here.
 It was his first appearance in Germany as conductor with his own opera company.—Reuter.

Aldershot Picture Of Empire

London, May 10.
 The Coronation Camp at Pirbright, near Aldershot, was a picture of the Commonwealth in miniature today as visiting Commonwealth contingents prepared for their part in the Coronation parade.
 Across the parade ground marched soldiers, sailors and airmen from Australia and New Zealand, short, bronzed Gurkhas, swarthy men from Pakistan and Ceylon.
 Gurkha pipers practised a Scottish lamen with a Pakistan Pipe Major in scarlet jacket and turban, and Australian and New Zealand naval officers practised ceremonial sword drill.
 Girls of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Services discussed Britain's summer weather and did not like it very much.

In the Pakistan cookhouse, orderlies stirred bowls of rice with a five-foot spoon, and bakers squatted on the ground making unleavened bread.
 Captain G. E. Hallwood of the Army Catering Corps, showed shelves crowded with melons, pineapples, pears, bananas and other items rarely found in army stores.
 He is expecting a consignment of sweet potatoes and tropical fruits soon for the contingent.—Reuter.

SECOND TIME UNLUCKY

London, May 10.
 A youth of 17, James Partridge, fell into the river at Oxford, and was rescued by his workmates at a shipbuilding yard. His foreman told him to go home and change his wet clothes.
 A few minutes after he cycled away, Partridge was knocked down and killed by a truck.—United Press.

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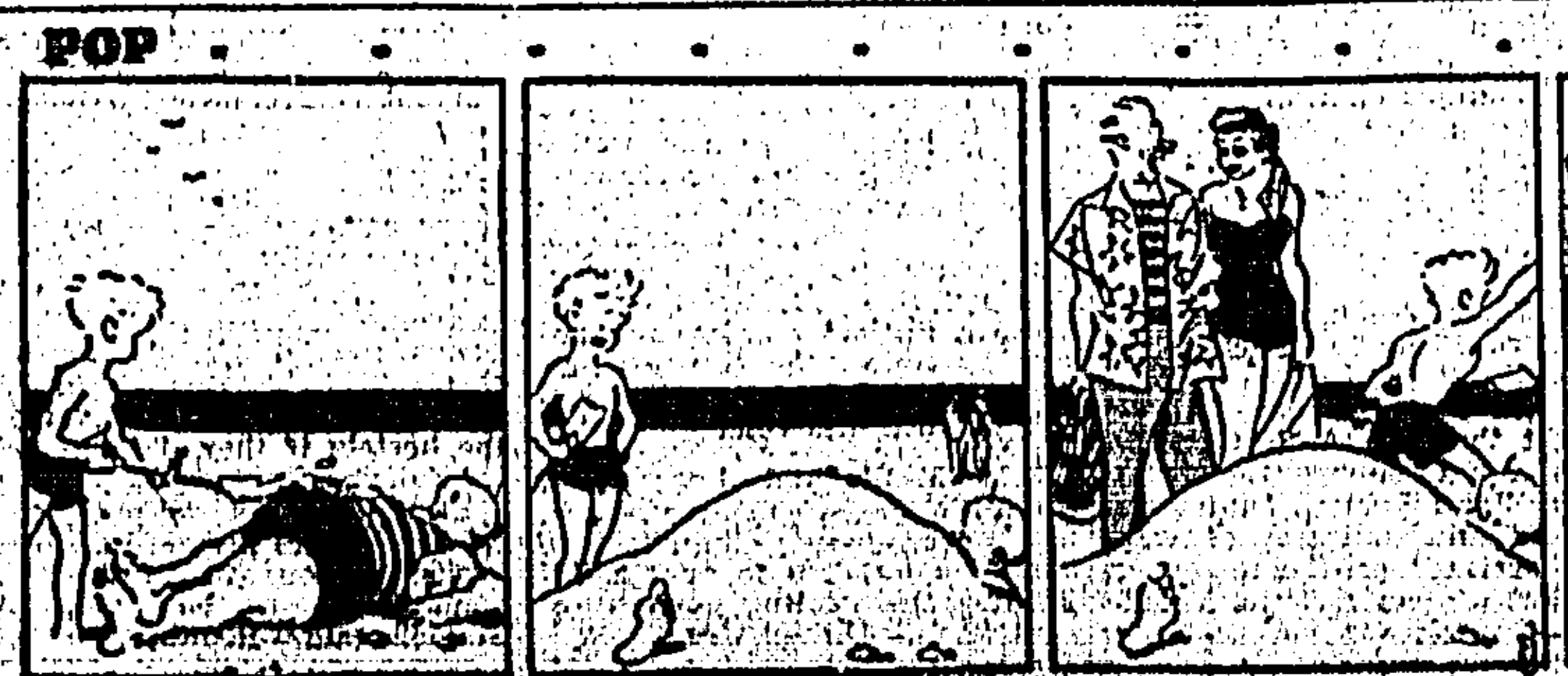
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THE IDLE RICH IN COMMUNIST RUSSIA

WHILE religious and racial persecution increases, and the lot of the common man is grinding poverty, the Soviet "aristocracy" and black marketeers lead a life of luxury.

Let us drop in on the Soviet lady who put this intriguing advertisement in Evening Moscow this winter: "Wanted. Nannie with References." Phone 8-36-11."

She will probably be sitting in a high chair at the fashionable Cocktail Bar on Gorky Street (Moscow's Regent Street) or else at the Red Penny Cafe just behind the Grand Opera House. We will recognize her because of the cloud of perfume, "Bread of Stalin," which she exudes, or the more popular "Kremlin Chimes." She will have spent two hours at the Metropole Hotel hairdresser, having her hair rinsed to a vibrant yellow, and her nails painted ruby red. But she is interesting, not so much for her appearance, as for the advertisements for nannies or "doberman pinchers and collies with pedigree" which appear in Evening Moscow, the Soviet capital's only evening paper. These advertisements are the first to admit the taste, as well as the privileges of the Soviet Rich. Usually, the Soviet "aristocracy" hide discreetly in their chauffeur-driven ZIS cars, borrowed from their husbands working in an important ministry, for a shopping expedition or a get-together with a friend of similar standing.

COCKTAILS

LET us take a closer look at the lady. In her right hand she will hold a cocktail made from the famous "Abray-Dyurso" champagne; in the other, a long "Kasbek" cigarette, the executive's cigarette with fine Macedonian leaf and silk cut paper, with cardboard holder, pinched to control the burning. She will certainly be swathed in furs, regardless of the weather, for she is very proud of her three silver fox pelts, which are her immediate passport to social prestige in the

By DAVID TUTAEV

Opera House or on the simplest social occasion. Her dress will still have the "New Look" about it, for although the Kremlin frowned on such bourgeois excesses they just cannot compete against feminine wiles. Not for two or three years will she be aware of the change in world fashions. The new modes will trickle under the Iron Curtain, brought in magazines smuggled by resourceful foreign women, or more directly by the wives of returning diplomats.

Black-heeled nylons (the best are imported from Eastern Germany or Czechoslovakia) and open heel or open toe shoes will be worn, and she favours large, oversize handbags, and lavishly decorated, felt or straw hats.

David Tutaev was born in the year previous to the Russian Revolution. He was educated in England, and is now a naturalized British subject. He has travelled widely and has written for many of the British national daily newspapers and is still a freelance journalist. In 1945/46 he was the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Express.

A private dressmaker makes her clothes, or perhaps they may come from a theatrical workshop. She will scow at the "House of Models," having heard it criticized for its lack of chic.

A few steps away from the Cocktail Bar, she will find the number one Gastronom (food shop) in Moscow. Its revolutionary grandeur, pillars and tiles and elaborate decoration will appeal to her, for her taste in most things has become increasingly reactionary, favouring heavy Victorian furnishings and gogawes.

The ugly advertisement in Evening Moscow informs her that she can buy the best champagne—the pride of the Soviet vineyards—at Number One Gastronom. The advertisement promises her "exquisite aroma, excellent taste and constant strength." In her champagne, she helpfully informs her that

when poured into a glass, it "bubbles, foams, and frolics." She could have avoided the jangling crowds, which regularly go window-gazing or buy a microscopic 100 grammes of meat sausage or butter to supplement an otherwise dull diet largely consisting of bread and cereals. For although rationing cards have been abolished, the average citizen is still rationed by price. But our particular lady probably telephoned her order from her flat or house, and she is by no means rationed by price.

LUXURIES

HER order is delivered at a fashionable house for "responsible workers"—which means that she has a three or four room apartment complete with radio and refrigerator. The price of luxury goods went down recently, thus helping to make the Soviet rich even richer!

Money is no object with her, provided her husband continues to bring back twelve thousand roubles (approximately £600) or so a month, and they enjoy a rent-controlled flat and cheap electricity rates as perquisites which go with the job. The surtax payable on 12,000 roubles a month is never higher than 13 percent. Nor is the percentage higher on a million roubles a month; an income which only a few popular writers and artists can earn. Konstantine Simonov, for example, has an "open" account at the State Bank. He can draw as much as he likes at any time. It saves computing his royalties, and it also prevents him from being too extravagant with the State cashier looking on!

INHERITANCE

IF the lady's husband dies, the most she will have to pay in "inheritance tax" will be a state registration fee and about 10 percent of the estate's value. A clever lawyer can save even on these taxes by declaring that certain properties are not part of the estate. Thus, she may get her summer house (dacha) free of inheritance tax.

How many are there who share the "cake" of the Soviet state capitalism's profits? It hardly matters whether they are paid as dividends or "wages." A rough figure would be around 800,000 to a million people.

Our particular lady (remembering that we have widowed her) will receive a pension of a flat rate of anything from 25,000 roubles to 50,000 roubles (£1,250 to £2,500). To receive the higher figure, her husband must have been an important general or a Soviet Academician.

But the State is generous in these ex gratia payments to the Soviet aristocracy. Her eldest son will receive about 750 roubles a month from the State, and, if there are another two children, they will receive something like £500 per annum together. No wonder these women can afford a nannie with references. Their security is gilt-edged.

The State provides an automatic insurance fund for its upper classes. But at the other end of the scale, 300 roubles is the maximum old age or widow's pension payable to those outside the Kremlin's munificence—the average Soviet worker. The peasantry are even excluded from this allowance.

PRIVILEGED

WHAT about the children? Stalin's younger son Vasily is a Lieutenant-General in the Air Force. Trade Minister Mikoyan's son is a Guards Colonel—a jet pilot. Of the offspring of the "Red Count," the writer, Alex Tolstoy, now dead, Dmitri is "captain" at the Leningrad Conservatory and his daughter Marianna is a "candidate" of chemical studies.

All Russian children want to be generals, ballerinas, or academicians, and a writer, E. Strogova, lamented in the Literary Gazette (December 11, 1952) that too few of the children of privileged parents will entertain the idea of doing any "dirty work." She describes a picture of "high officers and civilians with gorgeous portfolios" sitting in a reception room waiting to complain to the director of a Moscow University. One good-looking parent announced that his son "was compelled to work like a common fitter!"

Too many of these "mother's darlings" are shielded from dirty manual labour, says the writer, adding that most Soviet youths and girls prefer to work in offices and too many parents nurture these sentiments. They think that they can "advance to Communism without needing saws, hammers or planes."

NEPOTISM

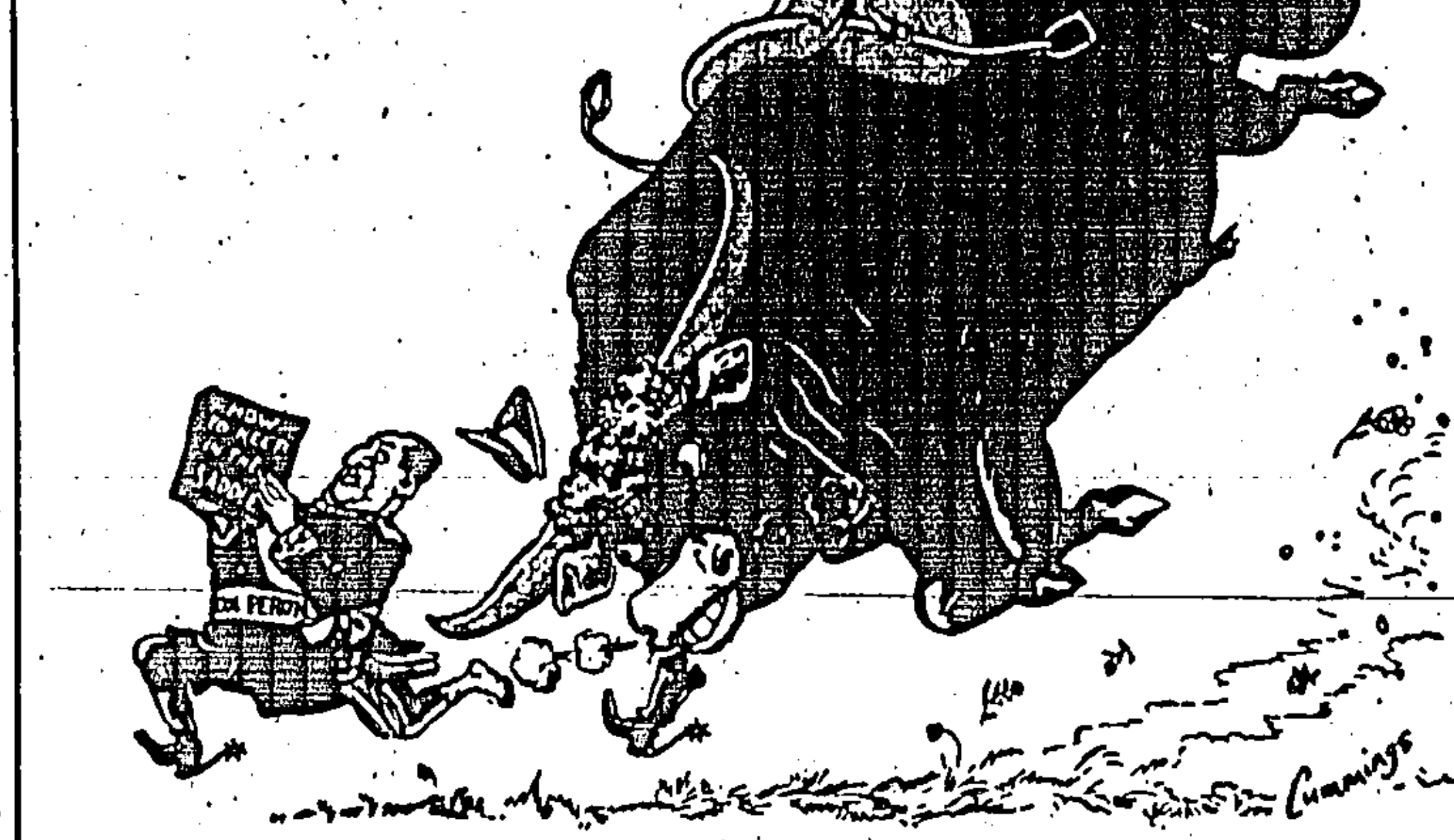
THE children of the privileged classes can extend their "golden youth" to 23-24 years of age by university and higher institute courses. At the other end of the scale, one million youths between the ages of 14-19 are called up annually for industrial training (girls since 1947 between 15-18). And tuition fees were introduced for students after the seventh class.

Nepotism goes hand in hand with social stratification in the Soviet Union. One enterprising director of the Avtozavodsk Dining Room Trust in the town of Gorki, found employment in his organisation for all 70 of his relatives! Among them were his wife, two brothers, cousins, nieces, and father-in-law. "Seated on the branching and luxuriant tree of public catering, they dwell peacefully and tranquilly, and do not wash their dirty linen in public," wrote Pravda, (November 10, 1952).

Dr Andrew de Boeth measured the quantity of tears continually produced to keep the eyes moist. He found that:

1. THE FEMALE eye is more watery than the male.
2. IN BOTH sexes tear production falls rapidly with age, so that by 40 our eyes water only half as much as they did at ten.
3. ONE EYE usually waters more than the other.
4. HEALTHY eyes never water during sleep.

★ RESTAURANT owners who palm off new wines as old vintages may soon have them checked by the public analyst.



Goodness! Here comes that old joke about a plump gentleman in a field with a bull...

London Express Service

A BOOK TO TALK ABOUT

The Very Candid Duchess... By Milton Shulman

SHE made her debut at a white hall given by the Duc de Gramont in Paris. She wore a white tulle dress, designed by Worth, with a full skirt, touching the ground, and a tightly laced bodice.

It takes an effort of the imagination to realise that barely 50 years separates us from these sumptuous and leisurely times.

A threat

MRS BALSAN's pages, some-times naively but always delightfully, re-create the world of bourgeois, quadrilles, and emperors oblivious of the advancing shadows of Socialism, income tax, and the internal combustion engine.

Consuelo's marriage to the ninth duke reads like a chapter out of *Anna Karenina*. She was in love with an American whom she only refers to as Mr X, or her Rosenkavalier.

To prevent their seeing each other her mother not only kept her a prisoner but threatened to shoot Mr X should she run away with him. Exhausted by these emotional appeals, Consuelo finally agreed to marry Marlborough.

The wedding was set for November 5, 1895, in New York, until Marlborough remembered that it would not be suitable for him to be married on the day Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Lords. It was changed.

The ceremony was 20 minutes late because the bride's eyes were so swollen with tears they required copious sponging.

Marlborough, who had never travelled before, was arrogant contemptuous of all things American, and announced he would never revisit the country.

The prize

THERE was no lack of suitors willing to share the young girl's inherited task of dissipating the Vanderbilt millions. But Consuelo's mother was determined to find her daughter a husband whose Old World background would make a fitting complement to their New World wealth.

Her acquisitive eye soon fixed on a glittering prize. She made up her mind to marry her daughter to the 24-year-old ninth Duke of Marlborough.

In her memoirs, "The Gilt and the Gold" (Heinemann, 15s.), the ex-duchess, now 70-year-old Mrs Consuelo Vanderbilt Balsan, waxes us back with a gentle and stately pen to the Duke of Marlborough, his divorce, and their subsequent

marriage. Consuelo was stripped of any further illusions she might have had about the duke's affections. He told her he had given up the girl he loved because he needed the Vanderbilt money for the upkeep of the family traditions at Blenheim.

In taking this decision, the ninth duke was merely following in the footsteps of the eighth duke, whose second marriage, to a wealthy American widow, had equipped Blenheim with central heating and electric light.

The new duchess was not impressed with her palace, which overawed her with its pomp, and in which she found

not one really livable room and a serious deficiency of bathrooms. Her staff consisted of a butler, two electricians, a groom of the chambers, a valet, a maid, an under-butler, four footmen, a housekeeper, six housemaids, five laundresses, a stillroom maid, a French chef, four assistant cooks, two nannies, and a corps of odd-men to carry coal and wash the windows, which they boasted they cleaned only once a year, since it took them 12 months to go the round.

Dinner alone with Marlborough meant sitting in silence watching him push his plate and cutlery away with considered gestures, after which he would meditate, endlessly twirling the ring on his little finger. After about a quarter of an hour, he would return to his food, usually complaining that it was cold.

But week-ends often entailed looking after 30 guests, and fretting over questions of precedence which they included an assortment like the German Emperor, the Prince of Wales, and four carls.

Favourite

Of all the brilliant and witty visitors to Blenheim, the duchess was particularly fond of the visit company of Marlborough's cousin Winston. He had actually been born in a room in Blenheim which, she says, in her time was haunted by the ghost of the private chaplain of the first duke. It had to be kept firmly shut.

When Consuelo first met the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough, she was told: "Your first duty is to have a child, and it must be a son, because it would be intolerable to have that little upstart Winston become duke."

Consuelo obliged by having two sons, and left Winston Churchill with whatever consolation he might get out of being Prime Minister of his country.

But 11 years of an incompatible marriage, in which Marlborough was constantly detached and indifferent, led to a separation and a divorce.

When Marlborough subsequently became a Catholic and wanted to marry again, he asked an ecclesiastical court for an annulment of his former marriage. On the ground that Consuelo had been married against her will, this was granted, letting loose a blast of Protestant wrath in the Press.

Welfare work

FREED of her responsibilities at Blenheim, Consuelo devoted herself to setting up homes for working women and other welfare work.

At Sunderland House, in Curzon Street, she not only continued to entertain the aristocracy but organised dinner parties for such literary lions as Shaw, Wells, and Barrie.

She married a wealthy Frenchman, Jacques Balsan, in 1921, and lived in France until Hitler's panzer troops drove her and her husband into Portugal and back to America. She had lived to hear children singing "The Red Flag" under her window; to learn that Blenheim's upkeep no longer depended on rich American brides but was helped by the half-crowns of thousands of sightseers; to see her world of splendour and privilege crumble into a pathetic heap of memories.

Her regrets are few, and she has no moral to warn the reader. But if her book reveals that money alone cannot bring happiness, it also reminds us that it is for more comfortable being miserable with it than without it.

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OCEAN WAR OF 1953

NEW-YORK. A DESPERATE ocean freight rate war is under way. It threatens to spread to British seaports and the British merchant fleet.

It is a fight for cargoes from German, Belgian, and Dutch ports to America.

Rates have already dropped so far that this amazing situation prevails: It is cheaper to send a British cargo to Rotterdam, Hamburg, or Antwerp, and then transport it to America than to send it direct from a United Kingdom port.

Here are sample rates, caused by cut-throat competition, since shipowners disagreed on rates last January: Tin down from 22 dollars (\$27.15, 24.15, 21.15) to 14 dollars (\$25.05, 24.05, 21.05); staple fibre from 22 dollars to about 13 dollars (\$24.15, 21.15, 18.15).

AN atomic energy technician, Miss Marjorie Petheram, of Chicago, is among ten women who have won a 3,000-dollar trip to the Coronation. The ten wrote letters telling why they like best a certain brand of coffee.

Each has the right to take one person with her. All 20 have received a letter from the coronation at Hyde Park Corner. Five are housewives and will take along their husbands. The other five, including Miss Petheram, are trying to decide whom to invite.

BRITAIN has sold already an estimated 3,000,000 dollars (\$1,000,000) worth of Corporation goods to America.

COMPLANT from James Barton, chief cost accountant for the Boeing company, which is building a jet-liner to rival the Comet III, built in America, would cost \$2,000,000 dollars (\$1,000,000) instead of the \$2,200,000 (\$1,100,000). A British American is reported to be paying for British Comets.

Barton's reason: lower British labour costs.

FLATBUSH has until now been one of Brooklyn's humblest, earlier districts. BUT—The Flatbush Avenue Merchants Association announces that during the three days of bargain sales the street will be sprayed with a new, exciting perfume—Eau de Flatbush No. 5.

A MORE democratic way of life arises in UNO's lifts.

In former Secretary-General Trygve Lie's day UNOVES stepped back and out respectfully when Mr Lie entered the lift. The lift shot straight up to his palatial 38th-floor suite.

But Lie's successor, Dag Hammarskjöld, waves his underlings in with him. The lift stops at every floor.

WHAT a crowd of American golfers for the British Amateur at Hoylake! Seven for 100 in New York alone, and at least 23 others.

DOOMED to two years' life continuous London fog—1800 white mice, into a fridge converted into a smog (foot and fog) chamber percolates will be put into a smog chamber 1,000 white mice will live in filtered pure air.

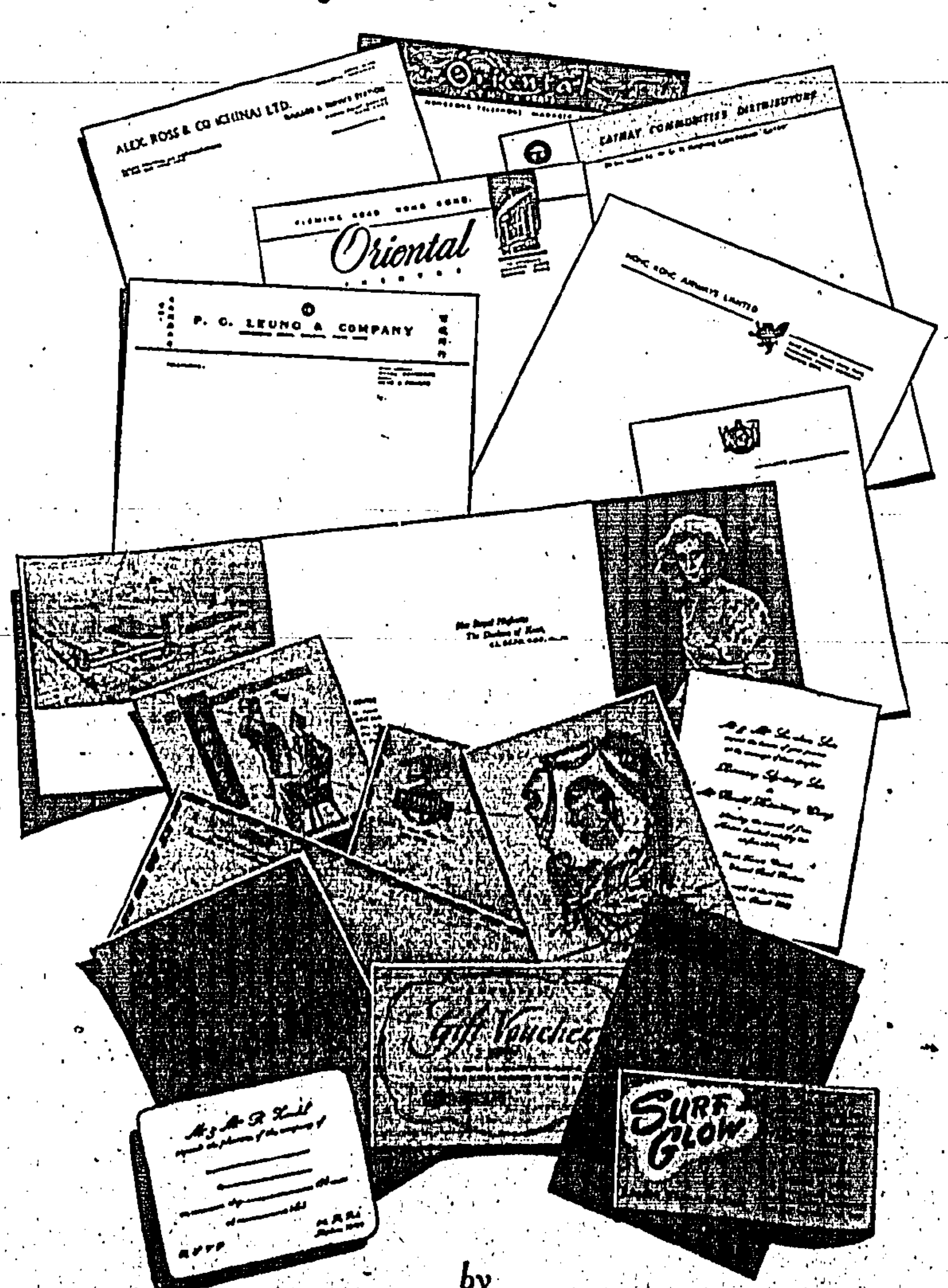
The test may answer the question: Does smog cause lung cancer?

SNOW-PLoughs were called to Williamette Pass in the Oregon Mountains for 100 miles road of a deluge of cold rain from an overturned lorry.



POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER

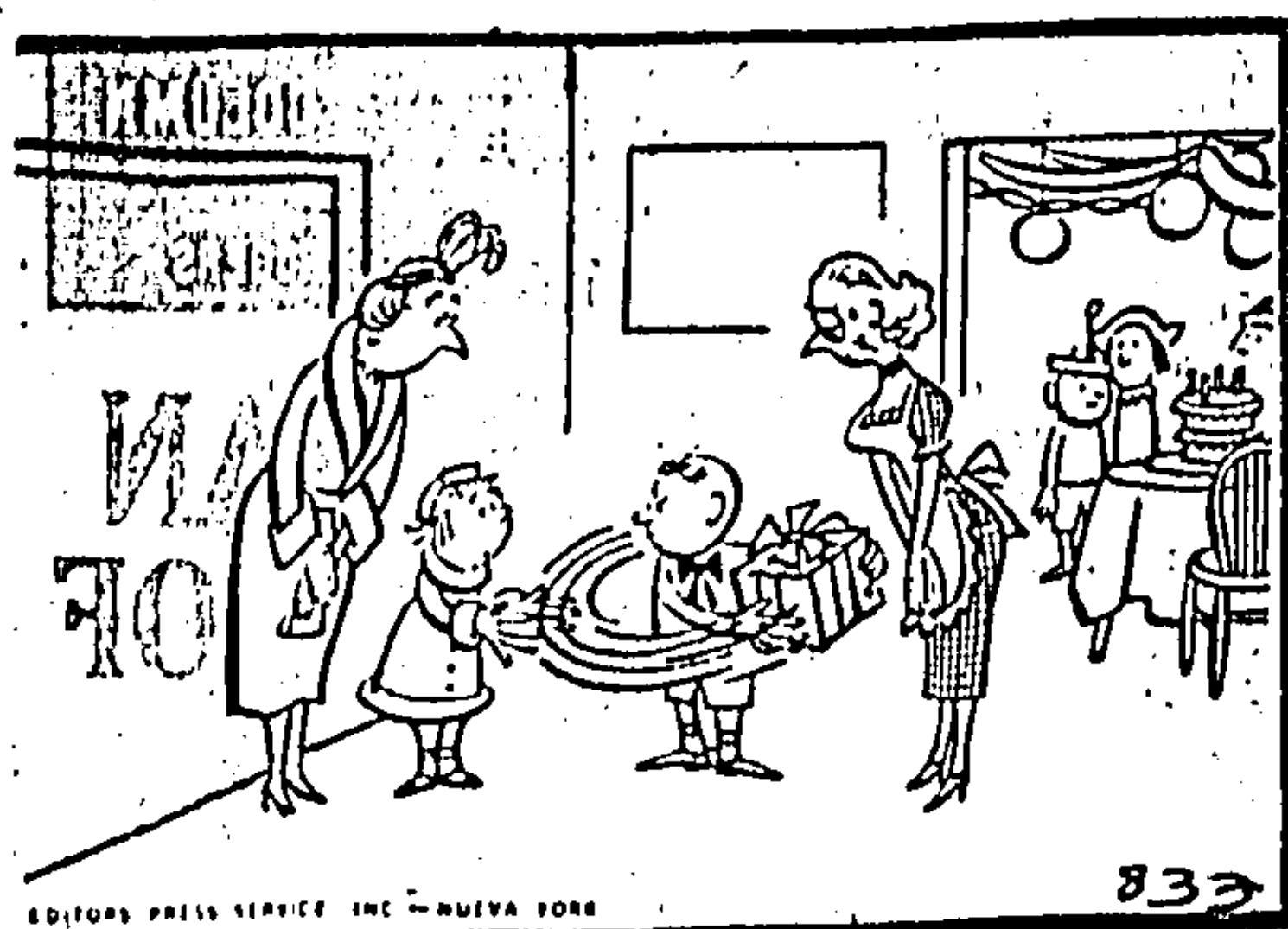
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ESKIMO DWARF IN SCENE SOCKS MADE OF WOOD?

No, Says Flying East

THE pottergeist who smashed 807 saucers, nine mirrors, and a fish-barral at Sutton Courtney can rest assured that the game is up.

The hairy psychopaths have discovered what is the matter with all of an experience in early life. An explosive boozing has spilt the infantile part of their personalities. What this means is that their utopian balance has been upset by a non-rhythmic shock.

Fun at the auction

I HAVE been reading of incessant chattering which seemed to come from a chimney. The bubble was subsequently traced to a servant-maid who had wedged herself comfortably in her sooty nest. She was pronounced to be an utter "cantankerous ventriloquist," like the woman who got into an auction and landed a woman who had never opened her mouth with a warning pan, six hock glasses, a bluebird portrait, Buckton's "Vital Life," two volumes, a woman's chest and an enormous chandelier.

Tour of inspection

ASKED what active part Rear-Admiral Sir Robert Hodgson was taking at present in the affairs of

the Sassy Mrs. Flobster, Mrs. Withersedge said: "The Admiral is a saint, like all the silent service. Last time he came aboard on a tour of inspection," she said dispassionately, "he might as well have inspected a dump. She had a bad list to put that day, and when he remarked on it, I said, 'We can easily make it a list to starboard by going and standing on the other side of the deck.' He made no reply, 'aving wedged his left foot in a broken bucket. I use for forcing rubber down below.' He said, 'You can't even read 'er name, the letters in his name are all mixed up. I say, 'Who's going to mistake 'er for hanny other ship, might I hark?' He nodded sadly like a sick 'orse, and disembararked 'iself with an oath."

Here and there

WHEN the perfilm arrives, audiences will be able to sit behind a high wall built across the auditorium and watch films through periscopes attached to their seats. The first perfilm, "A Day in the Life of A Snail," in colour. This is thought to be the answer to the challenge of the upside-down film, which has to be looked at through mirrors.

A MAN whose tears come out of his ears was under observation at Shepton Mallet.

THE CAMPDEN Fire Brigade released a boy's finger from two lumps of knitted late last night.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 11

BORN today, your inventive genius, your energy and your great enthusiasm for everything you undertake should carry you to success—although the road may not be an easy one to travel. Your physical strength will be an asset in good stead. You have a good business head, too, and know how to make a shrewd deal. You never forget the money angle, either!

Although you are primarily a peace-loving person and dislike being in unharmonious surroundings, you are not one to make concessions or seek peace at any price. If you must, you will fight for your full rights. You intend to practice what you preach, even if you do have to discard diplomatic tactics and really give battle.

You have the ability to mix well with people and there is a magnetic pull to you. You cannot always explain, even if you have a great deal of charm and know how to use it. You probably will have more than one romance before you settle down to marriage. But once you have made your selection of a life partner, it is forever! If you have been wrong, you will make the best of it. Since you are a reformer at heart, you will be every thing you can to instil a necessary change in your helpmate's personality!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Your birthday star will be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Worry will only impede progress which should be yours by utilizing your best talents. So, don't worry; keep smiling.

GRMNI (May 22-June 21)—Business and financial matters should be taken care of carefully before taking decisive action today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Publicize and put into action some new idea and you should see it develop very successfully at present.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—By reading widely, you should be able to broaden your outlook on life. You also can improve your attitudes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Unless you are sure you can deliver at once, don't make a promise. Better to answer "no" than a "yes" that is only a "maybe."

LILIA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Call upon your self-control if your temper is aroused. It will do a lot of harm to try to fight the handle!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Don't sign any agreement or contract today. Without reading all the fine print, very carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you need relaxation this evening, join a friend with similar cultural likes. Maybe attend the theatre.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Procrastination is "out" for today. If you have been putting off a job you dislike, tackle it right now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Remember, dear friend, with a birthday gift, you can bring a great deal of happiness to so doing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be pleasantly diplomatic if you must force an issue just at this time. Don't be too aggressive. It won't pay.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You can avoid a bad explosion if you keep clear of any argument growing up around you today.

CROSSWORD

Across
1. Often nylon now. (9)
2. Architectural order. (8)
3. Cross of silk. (4)
4. It rose cheerfully. (4)
5. All fare in (4)
6. "I hate ingratitude more than anything else." (10)
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10. As yet, it will rise. (8)
11. A hundred in a mixed box. (6)
12. Fellow-cowling. (8)
Down
1. Point to this in cricket. (5)
2. Worked. (4)
3. Just unjust lion. (4)
4. It was a lion? (4)
5. Manager mix-up. (6)
6. Local hero. (6)
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WHAT'S HER LINE?
NATALIE R. FREED
Miss about the letters to spell the word "line".
(Solution on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Figure All Hands With Point Count

NORTH		10
♠K6	♠A2	
♥K3	♥702	
♦KJ985	♦432	
♣AQJ0	♣8543	
WEST		EAST
♠QJ10854	♠A2	
♥K4	♥702	
♦Q107	♦432	
♣72	♣8543	
SOUTH (D)		
♠D73	♠AQJ1008	
♥A	♥K109	
♦North-South vul.		
South West North East		
1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass		
4♥ Pass 5♠ Pass		
Opening lead—A♣		

BY OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH's first rebid in today's hand is only two hearts since he has only 14 points in high cards and a very poor fit with his partner's diamonds. When North then tries again with a bid of three clubs, South can afford to bid game. North's bidding shows more than 10 points, and there is likely to be a fine play for game.

When West opens the queen of spades, South must resist the temptation to cover with dummy's king. There is no reason to suppose that West has led from a suit headed by the ace and queen. East must have the ace of spades, and it can therefore do no good to play dummy's king.

When West is allowed to hold the first trick with his queen of spades, he can do nothing to defeat the contract. He continues with spades, and East takes the ace. East returns a low trump, and South must hop right up with the ace. Declarer next cashes the ace of diamonds, enters dummy with the ace of clubs, and carefully discards his last spade on the king of diamonds.

At this point South can afford to give up a trump trick to West's king. South can regain the lead no matter what West returns, and it is then just a matter of drawing trumps and claiming the rest of the tricks.

South would lose his contract if he played the king of spades from the dummy at the first trick. East would win the first trick with the ace of spades and return the suit, whereupon West would win and lead a third spade. East would over-ruff spade, thus winning the third defensive trick. West would eventually get his king of trumps to set the contract.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass

You, South, hold: Spade 2, Hearts K-Q-J-7, Diamonds A-K-J-9-8, Clubs K-Q-10. What do you do?

A—Bid four hearts. You have a count of 17 points in high cards, 2 points for the singleton, and 1 point for the king of your partner's bid suit. You are willing to be in a game contract no matter how weak your partner's response may be. If he has a fairly good hand, including two aces, it is up to him to make a slam try.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 Heart Pass

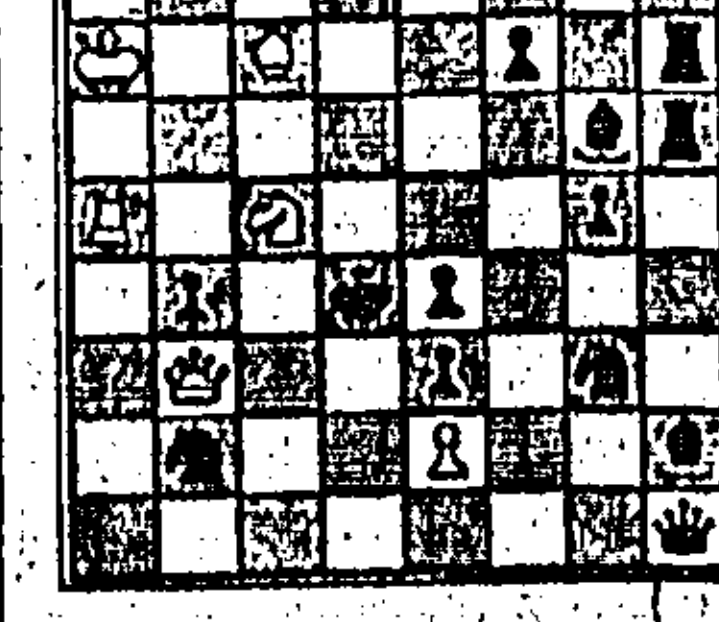
1 Spade Pass 7

You, South, hold: Spades 9-8-2, Hearts K-Q-J-7-5, Diamonds A-Q-8, Clubs 9-3. What do you do?

CHESS PROBLEM

By C. GOLDSCHMIDING

Black, 13 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

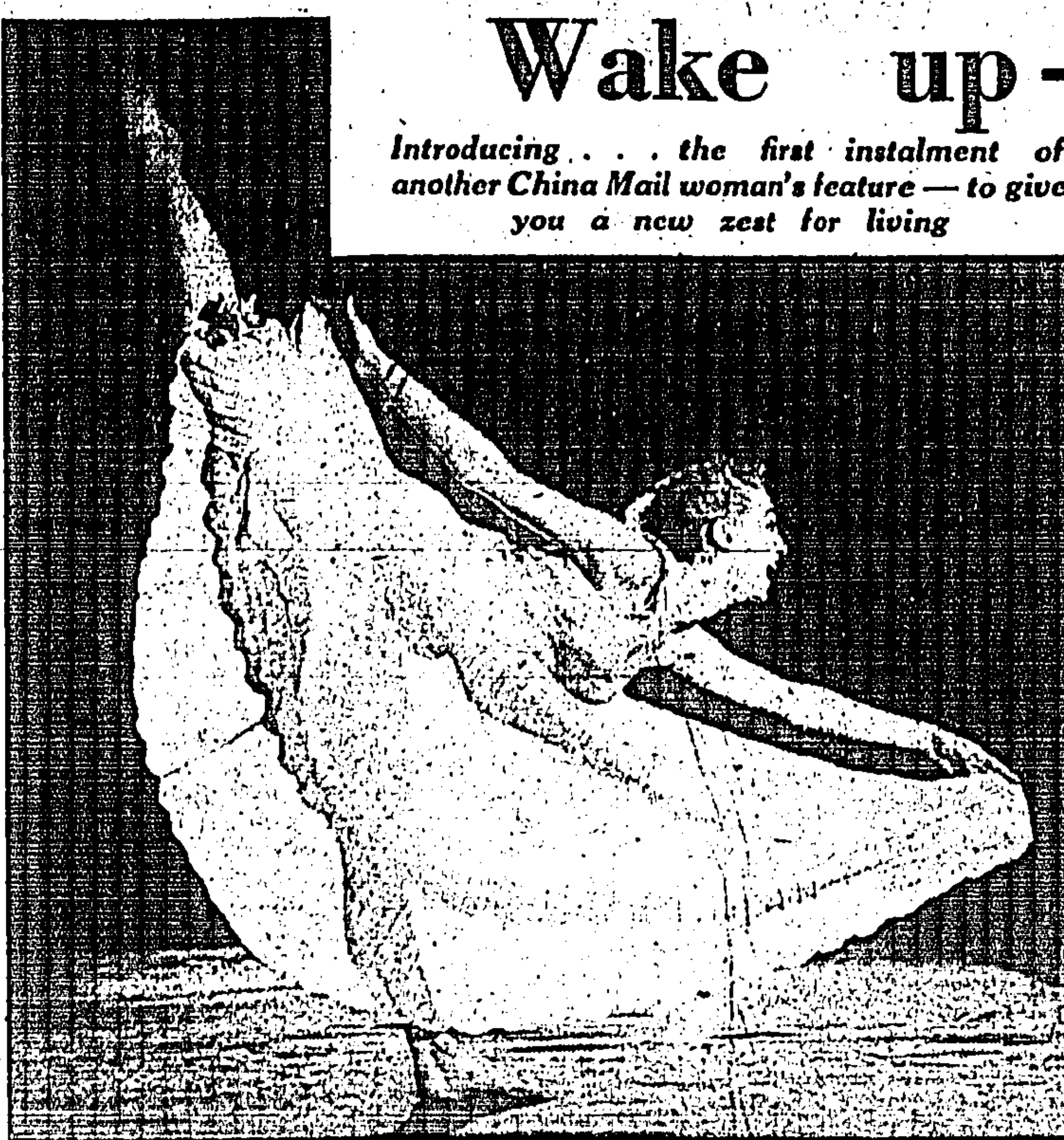
Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. B-Q6, 1... K-B6; 2. P-K4, 1... K-B4; 3. R-Q4.

WOMANSENSE

Wake up—and LIVE!

Introducing... the first instalment of another China Mail woman's feature—to give you a new zest for living



And here is YVONNE MARSH in action. She was Britain's Perfect Schoolgirl in 1949, and to keep her streamlined figure she regularly practised the exercises you will read about in the China Mail this week.

NOW is the time to try exercise the new way. No old-fashioned "physical jerks" to make bulging muscles, pliant leg curves, and fire you out.

Jump out of bed and S-T-R-E-T-C-H, slowly and relaxed. Now spend ten minutes before breakfast doing some of the exercises we will show you this week.

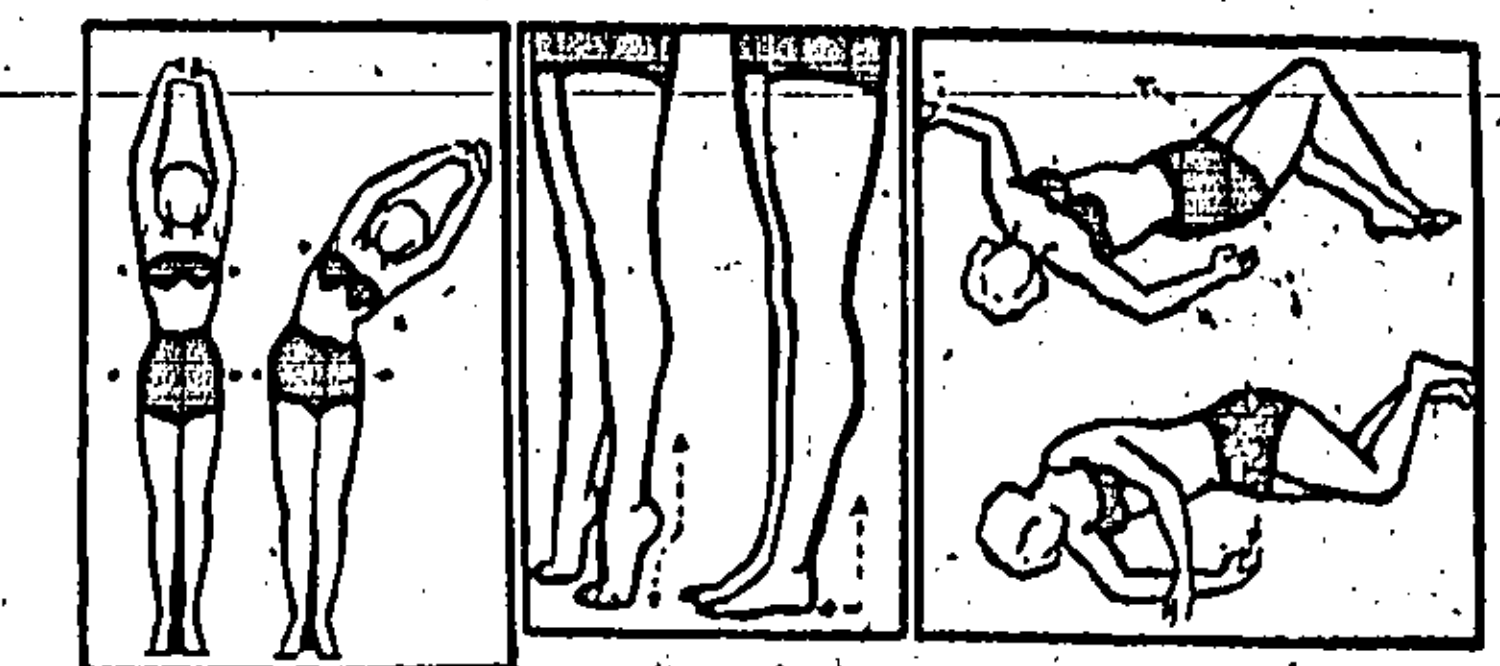
If you are very overweight, these exercises will not achieve miracles (there will be some-thing for you people later on)

but they will trim, tone and take away inches of flabbiness. Probably the best exercise of all to start the day is the one you see being done in the picture by Yvonne Marsh, up-and-coming starlet in revue.

It turns you up; keeps legs and thighs trim.

Try it—Weight on the left foot, right foot pointed behind; arms outstretched.

Balance right foot off floor and swing forward as far as possible. Return to first position and see-saw back and forward. Repeat on other leg.



1. **WAIST-WHITTILER.** Strich to full height; clasp hands high over head; bend to one side, stretching right down the body; straighten. Repeat other side.
2. **FOR ANKLES.** Up-down, one-two, hard as you can.
3. **HIP-REDUCING.** Shoulders flat on ground; arms out; knees bent to right side. Turn-knees from waist only, lift knees and describe semi-circle to the other side. Ten times, then reverse side.

Lana Streamlines Her Life

By CLEMENT DON JONES

Hollywood, Lana Turner has decided she needs streamlining. But the change won't affect her curves, her peppers, all kinds of fruit. The decision to "streamline" her life came, Lana admits, during the filming of "Latin Lovers," which she recently completed.

"I particularly enjoyed working on that picture," she recalled, "because I had visited the actual locales of our story. Several years ago, I holidayed in South America and discovered how wonderful and exciting new places can be. It was my first trip outside the United States."

"When we filmed the fiesta scenes in the picture, I was reminded of the night a group of South Americans invited me home for a 'pick up' dinner."

"That little potluck supper turned into a feast—barbecued half of beef, with the most biting and tasty sauce, chili peppers, all kinds of fruit, every type of sweet, warm hospitality, and music, music."

It was probably this scene as much as anything else, she said, that made her realize a lot of joy can be gained by discarding the things which gradually seem to become important.

"I only want to discard excess baggage," she added. "I like a nice home, but one that isn't a burden, one that can be closed with a minimum of bother when I want to travel."

"And to prove I'm serious about this streamlining business, I'm even slicing my clothes budget."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Half-Past Eight On Monday

—That's When Broom Calls Her Family to Work—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy who the turned-about name, was sitting very quietly in a corner of the kitchen. Mother had just gone off to answer the doorbell, and Knarf was alone.

Just then, he heard a voice saying: "Pardon me, young man."

Knarf looked around. He could see no one. "Who said that?" he asked.

"I did," replied the same voice. It came from the opposite corner. Knarf looked and saw a broom leaning against the wall.

Been Working for Years

"Come now," said the broom sharply, "don't look so surprised. This isn't the first time you've ever heard me. I've been working around this house for years. What time is it, please?"

"Half-past eight in the morning," said Knarf, not feeling any too comfortable about talking to a broom, but not knowing what to do about it. "Half-past eight on Monday morning," he added.

"Fine! Fine!" exclaimed the broom. "That will be all, young man. Thank you very much!" Then she began calling loudly. "Children! Did you hear that? It's half-past eight on Monday

morning! It's time to go around the house!"

From the long closet near the kitchen door came a chorus of voices.

"I'm ready!" cried Whisk-broom.

"So am I!" cried Scrubbing Brush.

Deep, Soggy Voice

The scrubbing pail, the soap, the duster, the duster, and finally a deep, soggy voice who Knarf was certain was the mop, all replied that they were all ready.

"Remember," said Broom, "I want everything done, quickly and well. Soap?"

"Yes, ma'am?" said Soap.

"I don't want you slipping out of Mother's hand and sliding off somewhere! Is that clear?"

"Yes, ma'am, I won't slip!" Soap promised.

"And Scrubbing Pail?"

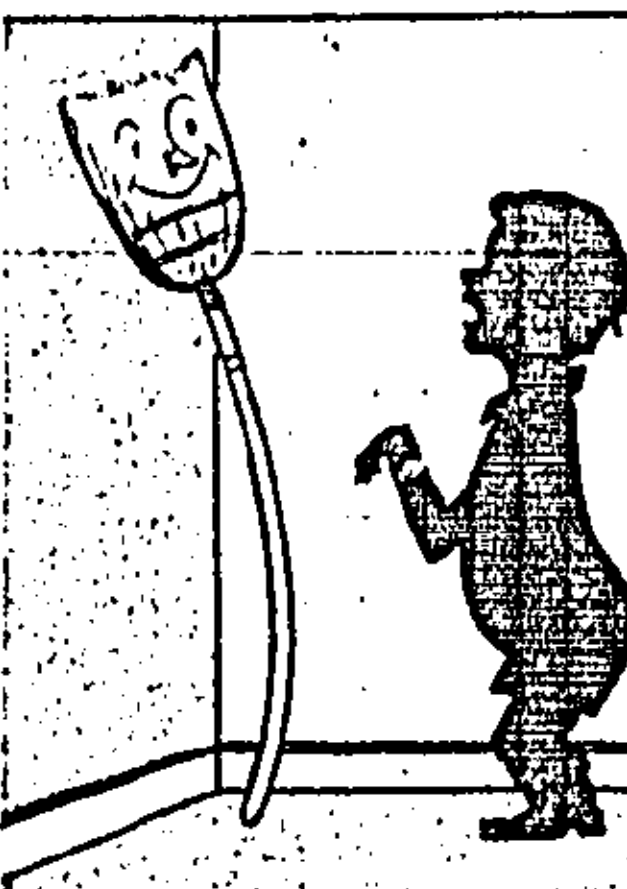
"Yes, ma'am?"

"I hope you don't tip over and spill. It gets everything very wet."

"I won't tip over, ma'am," Scrubbing Pail said.

Called to Knarf

"And you, young man?" Broom called out loudly.



A surprised Knarf told the broom what time it was.

"Oh—er, yes ma'am?" Knarf answered.

"You'd better get up out of that corner before I sweep you out. When I start working, I haven't the time to tell folks to move out of the way. I'll just sweep you—swish—into—the dustpan! So you'd better move! And don't hide under the bed!"

Knarf didn't wait to be told any more. He sprang up out of the corner and ran out into the garden just as Mother finished answering the doorbell and was returning to the kitchen.

"I just got out in time," he said to himself after he had climbed to the other side of the garden wall and had dived behind a rose bush. "That broom can't get me here!"

Rupert and Morwenna—44



The sight of the crab is too much for Dan. He starts forward, but before he reaches the boulder, the great creature has turned and disappeared. On the way back the old man is silent until they meet Mr. and Mrs. Bear. Then he seems to come to life. "Yes, all true!" he cries. "Seed'n with my own eyes. I see it!"

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How's Your Fashion Sense?



If you want to be chic, choose fashionwise clothes and a colour that's a la mode. This hairdo is one of the newest styles.

By HELEN FOLLETT

CHIC and charm! There you have combination that makes for feminine loveliness. The chic part of this glamour duet calls for fashion sense. It means frock, chapeau, gloves and shoes must all be in colour, tone, the colour must be current, and the complexion in healthy, attractive condition. If all these things add up, no girl need worry about the way she looks.

Where Hips Show Up

There are no standardised fashions these days. That means that there are flattering modes for all types. Your skirts can be full or they can be sheaths. The latter style is not for Miss Flippy. It reveals too many curves. Only the perfect shape is entitled to wear snugly-fitted skirts. That also applies to sweaters that belong to figures that are slim.

It is a woman's special business to find out precisely what suits her, what makes her most distinguished, in appearance.

This rule applies to hairdos, too. Only the little cuties can get away with scrambled effects or bows that are shoulder-length. Middle-aged women can sport the poodle-top, but it must be in perfect order.

Edit Your Clothes

That's where many women fall down in getting themselves together. A too-fussy hat detracts from facial charm, because it is dominating and overpowering. If a woman feels "dressed up," she should do a little editing, delete some ornaments.

Stockings! Dark colours for plump legs, lighter shades for the skinnies.

All these are basic rules. One cannot make a mistake by following them.

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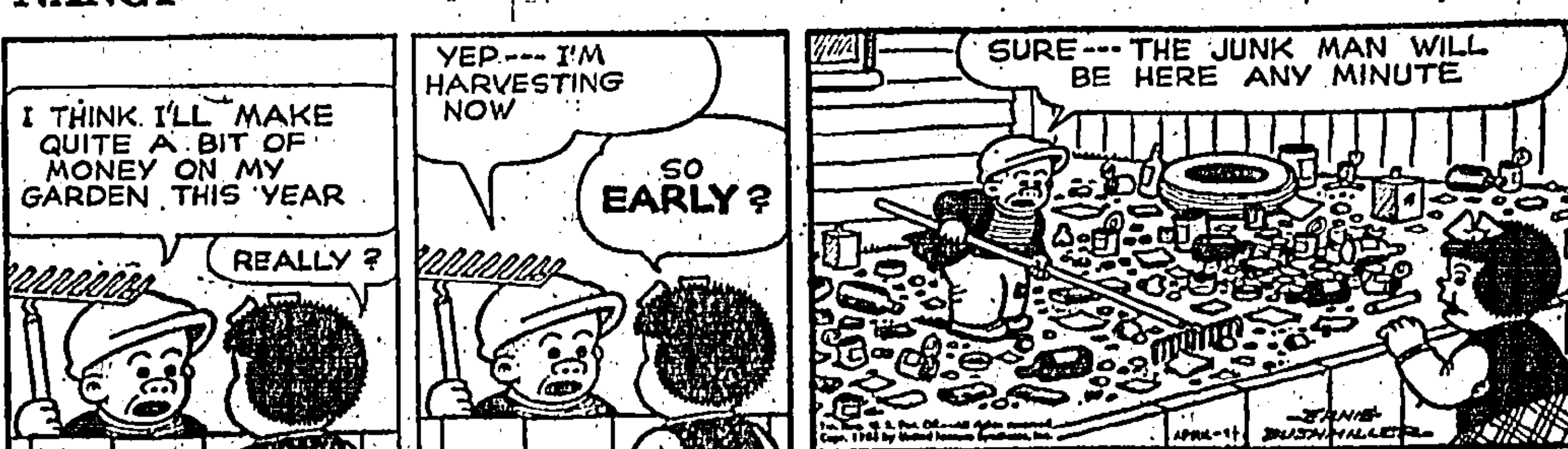
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"GANTON"

"CARTHAGE"

New Course Of Action To Deal With Empire Economic Situation?

POSSIBLE SEQUEL TO U.S. ATTITUDE

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, May 10. The gold and dollar reserves continued, to grow in April when—rather unexpectedly in view of the recent fall in the prices of some of its most important commodities—the sterling area had a surplus of \$107 million.

This included \$20 million of defence aid from America and \$11 million of gold received from the European Payments Union in part settlement of the area's surplus with Western Europe in March.

The residue of \$76 million is the important figure in this sum for it reflects the sterling area's trading surplus with other countries but principally North America.

Barter Pact's Fate

Manila, May 10.

The Philippine Foreign Office disclosed today that the Japanese Government had proposed negotiations "to adjust the Philippines-Japan barter trade agreement terms to present-day needs and requirements."

Mr. Neri said the Foreign Office was "mulling time" on an extension of the agreement, which expires at the end of May.

Mr. Neri said the future of Philippine-Japan trade relations was "inextricably tied up with the action of the Senate on the Japanese Peace Treaty."

The Senate, which has exclusive right to ratify Philippine treaties with foreign governments, has shelved action on the treaty pending an agreement between the Philippines and Japan on reparations.

Mr. Neri said the Philippines representatives were up to the Tokyo Government following the recent Philippine request for a clarification of the last Japanese proposal for settling the question.

The Acting Foreign Minister disclosed that the Japanese request for a renewal of the barter agreement and adjustment of its terms was made through the Japanese mission here.

He said the Foreign Office was deferring a reply.

FAVOURABLE

But he added that sentiment among Philippine businessmen was favourable to an extension of the agreement.

Mr. Neri said an extension was also recommended by Philippine Government agencies, which had expressed concern over the possible effects of expiration of the agreement on existing Philippines-Japanese trade relations.

Mr. Neri admitted that so far trade between the two countries under the agreement—which is an extension of the old pact with the Supreme Commander, Allied Powers—had been favourable to the Philippines.

Mr. Neri said another problem was posed by the existing temporary air agreement governing traffic and landing rights at the Philippines Airfield in Japan, which was due to expire late in June—Reuter.

HOLLAND'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Amsterdam, May 10.

The economy of Holland has emerged stronger from a period of adaptation and rehabilitation in 1952 and the country may be ready for co-operation with other European countries, and the U.S., to prepare measures to regain a certain general convertibility of currency.

This statement is made by the Netherlands Bank President in his report to the Government. However, the report states that Holland's monetary position is still "far from being definitely consolidated."

Great caution in financial policy is advised to maintain monetary equilibrium. The Bank considered it justified, because of the strong rise in convertible currency holdings, to return to the traditional central bank policy of keeping an important portion of convertible currency in gold.

The increase in gold stocks was "mainly due to the conversion of \$12.9 million of gold into the second half of 1952—Reuter.

This surplus shows a substantial increase over the figure for March when an exceptionally large British payment was made for American tobacco and there was a slight increase over the February figure.

But, if this raised any hopes that the dollar problem is a thing of the past, they were quickly dispelled by Mr. Butler's statement that British Government are disappointed with the "symptoms of progress" in the recent moves to increase trade between the sterling area and the United States.

The United States Government has been informed of this, Mr. Butler told the Commons last week.

"We have frankly discussed every aspect of the matter," he went on, "including the Chief Joseph Dam contract, and every other matter which has caused a certain degree of disappointment and, in some cases, disillusionment."

The Chancellor was winding up the debate on the second reading of the Finance Bill incorporating his budget proposals.

UNHAPPY TREND

Earlier Mr. Hugh Galskell, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, had spoken of the American decision to cut down Britain's economic aid which, he said, would necessitate British making her plans accordingly for dealing with the dollar situation.

If Britain was to adjust herself to this situation, he continued, she must expand her dollar exports.

But, unhappily, everything that had been happening in the United States lately seemed to suggest that it was going to be more and more difficult for her to do so.

Mr. Galskell referred to "the episode of the Chief Joseph Dam" and the difficulty that the American Administration is having in renewing the Reciprocity Trade Agreements Act.

"It isn't much good moaning about this," he went on, "but I suggest that these events reinforce the Opposition's appeal to the Government to base their policy not on any fancy idea of convertibility but rather on building up as swiftly as possible trade generally in the non-dollar world."

FRANK SPEAKING

Mr. Butler did not believe it would become more and more difficult to expand dollar exports but agreed there may be "a period of difficulty and waiting" while the American Administration became accustomed to taking part in discussions with congress and with the difficulties of assuming office.

The Chancellor spoke very frankly of the need to bring the economy and the finance of the free world closer together "if our economy and that of the Americans is to make any sense and if we are to put forward the maximum effort."

"What's the use of building up defence forces and going to meetings at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and in other ways trying to produce a combined foreign policy," Mr. Butler went on, "unless we can bring our economic and financial policies closer together and so bridge the dollar gap?"

As for convertibility, Mr. Butler restated the conditions that must be fulfilled before there could be any hope of abandoning exchange controls.

RIGHT COURSE

One of these was the adoption by the United States and other countries of "good creditor policies which widen trade and give us a chance of earning our living instead of receiving aid."

In the meantime, said Mr. Butler, the British Government was sticking to the right and proper course of attempting to do everything in their power to expand British exports in whatever way was most valuable.

The Chancellor spoke again of the need for the United States to adopt good creditor policies when he addressed the French Chamber of Commerce in Britain on the day following the Commons debate.

Cargo Handling Speed-Up

San Francisco, May 10. A scheme to speed up handling of cargo in the San Francisco docks has been authorised by the State Board of Harbour Commissioners. The Port Administration will spend \$241,000 (\$222,000) to relay railway lines serving the Mission Rock terminal. The docks will be equipped with trans-continental rail lines by the change, Port Manager Robert H. Wylie said—Reuter.

Britain Meeting Competition In Textiles

Copenhagen, May 10.

Britain is meeting very keen competition on the Danish textile market from Holland, Belgium and West Germany, according to the annual report of the Danish Softwood Wholesalers Association and the Association of Manufacturers of Ladies' Clothing.

The competition among Denmark's textile suppliers is extremely sharp, the reports say, a fact which is being felt especially by Great Britain. Imports of piece-goods from this traditional source fell from 218 million crowns worth in 1951 to 161 millions in 1952.

Imports from Holland and Belgium, on the other hand, rose from 20 and 26 million crowns respectively to 42 and 44 million in 1952. Western Germany also gained ground on the Danish market and total textile imports from this source amounted to 120 million crowns in 1952 compared with 77 million in 1951.

As regards imports of ladies' clothing, imports from Britain in 1952 showed only a slight increase, while those from Holland increased fourfold and those from Sweden rose between 100 and 200 per cent. Swiss deliveries, however, declined.

Commenting on this shift of imports from Britain to other sources, the reports said that one of the main reasons in the case of West Germany was the fact that West German exporters were making all efforts to meet Danish importers' wishes while British suppliers were somewhat less flexible. Production of ladies' clothing in Denmark has increased steadily and a scarcity of skilled labour is beginning to make itself felt. Nevertheless, the industry has expressed concern about future prospects. Imports of ladies' clothing in 1952 at 4,225,000 crowns worth were small in comparison with the domestic production which was valued at 100 million crowns.

But the value of imports was more than double the 1951 figure of about two million crowns' worth, it is pointed out in a recent survey of the industry—Reuter.

They rejected it last time but Mr. Menzies is in a fighting mood. "This time," he is reported to have said, "I won't take no for an answer."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$440,271. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
HSK Bank .. 145
East Asia .. 147

INSURANCES
Union X .. 755 770 20 @ 750

DOCKS, ETC.
N. P. Wharf 635
Provident .. 1120
Wheelock .. 750

LAND, ETC.
HSK Hotel .. 745
HSK Land (C) 50% 100 @ 57
200 @ 57
200 @ 57

UTILITIES
Tram .. 2190
Peak Tram .. 200 @ 22
(C) .. 35
Star .. 100
C. Light (C) 1030

C. Light (N) 650
Electric .. 2300 2350
200 @ 23.75
200 @ 23.75
200 @ 23.75

Telephone .. 18
INDUSTRIALS
Cement .. 1820 1870
Rope .. 1070

STONES, ETC.
Dairy .. 1870
1500 @ 18.80
2000 @ 18.80
200 @ 18.80
200 @ 18.70

WATSON
L. Crawford 2070
Kwong Sang .. 140 @ 140
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COTTONS
Raw .. 235 245
Textile .. 510
1000 @ 5.10
2000 @ 5.10
1000 @ 5.10
7000 @ 5.10

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) .. 16.175
Indonesian dollar (per 100) .. 12.50
Siam dollar (per 100) .. 31.50
Singapore (Straits) .. 1.25
PCC dollar (per 100) .. 1.07

Stock Exchange Given Food For Thought

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, May 10.

Company statements from several of the industrial giants gave the stock markets plenty to think about last week.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company announced group profits before charging United Kingdom tax of just over \$47 million, a fall of more than \$5 million on the previous year's figure.

Net profits, though, were £1 million up, and the Board has recommended a rise in dividend from 30 to 35 per cent.

Despite this, the company's shares, which had risen to 20½ in advance of the dividend announcement on hopes of an even larger distribution, fell back to 18½-19½.

Unilever Ltd. and Unilever NV also announced their results last week. Both companies consolidated net profit showed a rise on the year of over £1 million but dividends remained unchanged at 13½ and 12 per cent, respectively.

More in line with the recent trend of falling profits was the Dunlop Rubber Company's statement which showed a fall in the trading balance of nearly £3 million and a decline of more than £1 million in group net profits.

The dividend is being maintained at 17½ per cent. Shares in the company improved on this announcement which dispelled fears that last year's 2½ per cent bonus would not be repeated.

RUBBER FIRM

A statement issued by United Sun Rubber, the big Malaysian rubber-producing concern, reflected last year's severe fall in the price of natural rubber.

Net profit was down from £218,212 to £183,300 and the dividend has been cut from 30 to 20 per cent. The shares slipped back 1½ to 30/6d on this announcement.

Another important company statement was that published by Guest, Keen and Nettlefold, the engineering holding company, whose net profit, after a bigger tax provision, was down £250,000 to £2,050,000.

The company maintained its dividend at 15 per cent but the shares closed 1½/4d down at 48½/4d.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUE

Another talking point in the markets last week was the announcement by De Havilland Aircraft, builders of the Comet jet airliner, that the company would raise about £12 million of new capital over the next three or four years.

The Chairman disclosed that the company was planning to raise over £5 million of this by a public offering of 1,200,000 new 5½ per cent preference shares.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

Passengers are requested to note that the "La Marseillaise" will sail for Yokohama and Kobe on Tuesday, May 12th 1953 at 10 p.m. instead of at 8 p.m. as previously announced.

Passengers are requested to embark between 5 and 8 p.m. on that date.

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"LA MARSEILLAISE"	22-23 May	15 June	Salon
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"FELIX ROUSSEL"	Keelung-10 June	11 June	1
"MONKAY"	Keelung-30 June	1 July	1
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